

# ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series

## Brief Speaker Biographies

### Healthcare Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic Speaker Series

#### **Jill Taylor, Ph.D.**

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Dr. Taylor was educated in Australia and received her Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Queensland. Her early work, since moving to the USA in 1986, was in industry in the development of poxviruses as recombinant vaccines for veterinary use. In 1999, she joined the Wadsworth Center, New York State's Public Health Laboratory, became Deputy Director in 2005 and Director in 2012. Jill had oversight of all aspects of the Center's response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. She retired from state service in September 2020 and joined the Association of Public Health Laboratories as Senior Adviser for Scientific Affairs in October 2020. Her scientific interests are in the use of novel technologies and bioinformatic methods to improve the nation's public health response to emergent pathogens.